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SUBJ: ELECTION OF LENINGRADERS TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND AUDITING
COMMISSION

1. THE MEMBERSHIP OF RESIDENT LENINGRADERS IN THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE (CC) AND CENTRAL AUDITING COMMISSION (CAC) ELECTED AT
THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS APPEARS TO BE THE SAME NUMERICALLY, BUT
SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT QUALITATIVELY, IN COMPARISON WITH LENINGRADERS
ELECTED TO THESE BODIES AT THE 24TH PARTY CONGRESS. IN BRIEF,
UNLESS WE HAVE MISSED A MILKMAID SOMEWHERE, RESIDENT LENINGRADERS
STILL HOLD 6 FULL MEMBERSHIP SEATS ON THE CC, 2 CANDIDATE CC
MEMBERSHIPS, AND 2 PLACES ON THE CAC.

2. CC FULL MEMBERSHIP: IN ADDITION TO ROMANOV, OTHER LENINGRAD
HOLDOVERS ARE LENINGRAD PARTY GORKOM FIRST SECRETARY BORIS
IVANOVICH ARISTOV AND LENINGRAD MAYOR VASILYIY IVANOVICH KAZAKOV
(KAZAKOV IS A FORMER SECOND SECRETARY OF THE LENINGRAD PARTY
OBKOM). THE THREE "NEW" FACES ARE SOLID MEMBERS OF THE LENINGRAD
SCENE, AS FOLLOWS: YURIY FILIPPOVICH SOLOV'YEV, THE SECOND SECRETARY
OF THE PARTY OBKOM; ALEKSANDR NIKOLAYEVICH SHIBALOV, CHAIRMAN OF
THE OBLAST' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PROMOTED FROM PREVIOUS POSITION AS
CC CANDIDATE MEMBER); AND ALEKSEY VASIL'YEVICH CHUYEV, THE TWICE
HERO OF SOCIALIST LABOR WHO HAS BEEN DEFIED FOR HIS EXPLOITS AT
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THE BALTIC SHIPYARD. COMMENT: THOSE DROPPED FROM CC

FULL MEMBERSHIP WERE YE. I. LEBEDEV (DECEASED WORKER); V.A. SMIRNOV (BALTIC SHIPYARD WORKER--STILL LIVING); AND GENERAL I. YE. SHAVROV (FORMER COMMANDER OF THE LENINGRAD MILITARY DISTRICT).

3. CC CANDIDATE MEMBERSHIP: THE TWO NEW CANDIDATE MEMBERS ARE COLONEL GENERAL ANATOLIY IVANOVICH GRIBKOV, PRESENT COMMANDER OF THE LENINGRAD MILITARY DISTRICT, AND NATALIYA GRIGOR'YEVNA YELISEYEVA

, A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE LENINGRAD CITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE CAC). THEY REPLACED SHIBALOV (PROMOTED TO FULL CC MEMBERSHIP) AND A.A. SIZOV (DECEASED FORMER MAYOR OF LENINGRAD).

4. CAC MEMBERSHIP: THE TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE CAC ARE RATMIR STEPANOVICH BOBOVIKOV, A PARTY OBKOM SECRETARY, AND YE. YA. DEMIDOVA, WEAVER AT A LENINGRAD FACTORY. THEY REPLACED YELISEYEVA (NOW A CC CANDIDATE MEMBER) AND Z.M. KURGLOVA (FORMER PARTY OBKOM SECRETARY, NOW CULTURAL OFFICIAL IN MOSCOW, AND JUST ELECTED FULL MEMBER OF CC).

5. COMMENT: LENINGRADERS ELECTED TO CENTRAL PARTY BODIES THUS APPEAR TO REMAIN NUMERICALLY REPRESENTED AS BEFORE, BUT COMPOSITION HAS SHIFTED SOMEWHAT TO MORE OF AN "EX-OFFICIO" GROUP OF LENINGRAD PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. CHUYEV AND DAVIDOVA ARE ONLY "PURE" WORKERS AMONG THOSE ELECTED. SOLOV'YEV'S ALECTION TO FULL MEMBERSHIP IN CC IS ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF ROMANOV'S ELEVATION TO THE PANTHEON OF POLITBURO FULL MEMBERS. HOWEVER, IF ROMANOV SHOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE ON CENTRAL FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND VACATE THE OBKOM FIRST SECRETARYSHIP IN LENINGRAD, WE TEND TO BELIEVE THAT ARISTOV WOULD BE THE LEADING CANDIDATE TO TAKE OVER THE OBKOM. CONGEN WILL ASSESS THIS SUBJECT IN FUTURE MESSATE AFTER SAMPLING OPINIONS AROUND TOWN.
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